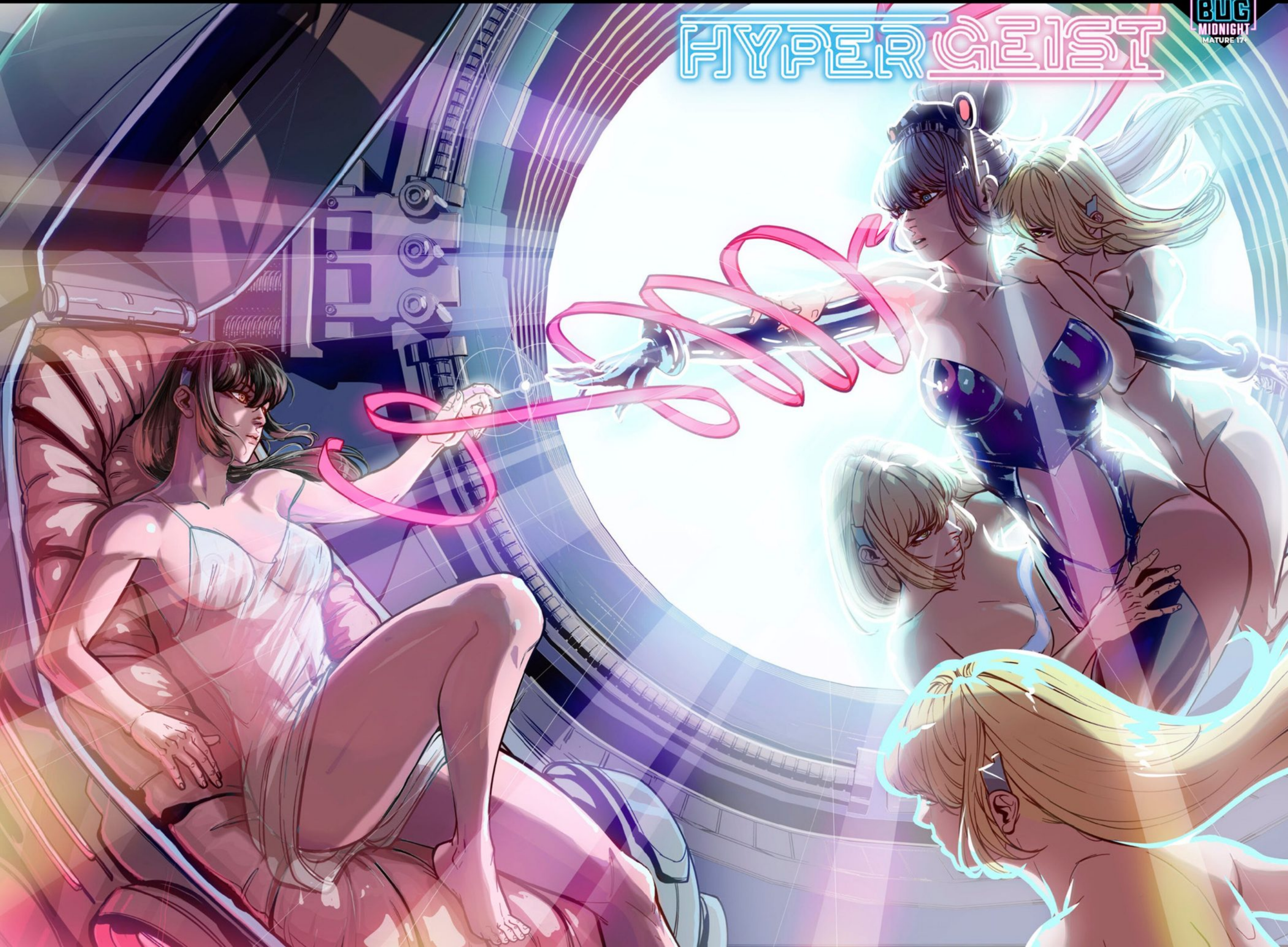


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A woman with red hair and a man with a bandaged mouth are shown in a prison setting. The woman is looking at the man, and the man is looking away with a distressed expression. The background shows prison architecture.

AND HERE IT
TURNS OUT, THIS
CAGE--THIS PRISON I
WAS LOCKED IN...

...I HAD
THE KEY
THE ENTIRE
TIME.

ALL THAT
PAIN AND ABUSE,
NEEDLESSLY
SUFFERED.

ALL THE
HORRORS,
UNCHALLENGED.

ALL OF
MY HOPES
AND DREAMS,
UNREALIZED.

I W-W-WANTED
MORE F-F-FOR
YOU.

NO, YOU
DIDN'T. YOU
WANTED MORE
FROM ME.

And I have
given all I will
ever give.





GET THE
FUCK OUT OF
MY WAY!

*SHE'S
INSANE!*



IMEROS GEN
SIX MODEL
NUMBER
S92485...

...DEACTIVATE
YOUR WEAPON AND
CEASE ALL HOSTILE
ACTIONS.



HOSTILE?
OH, HONEY...

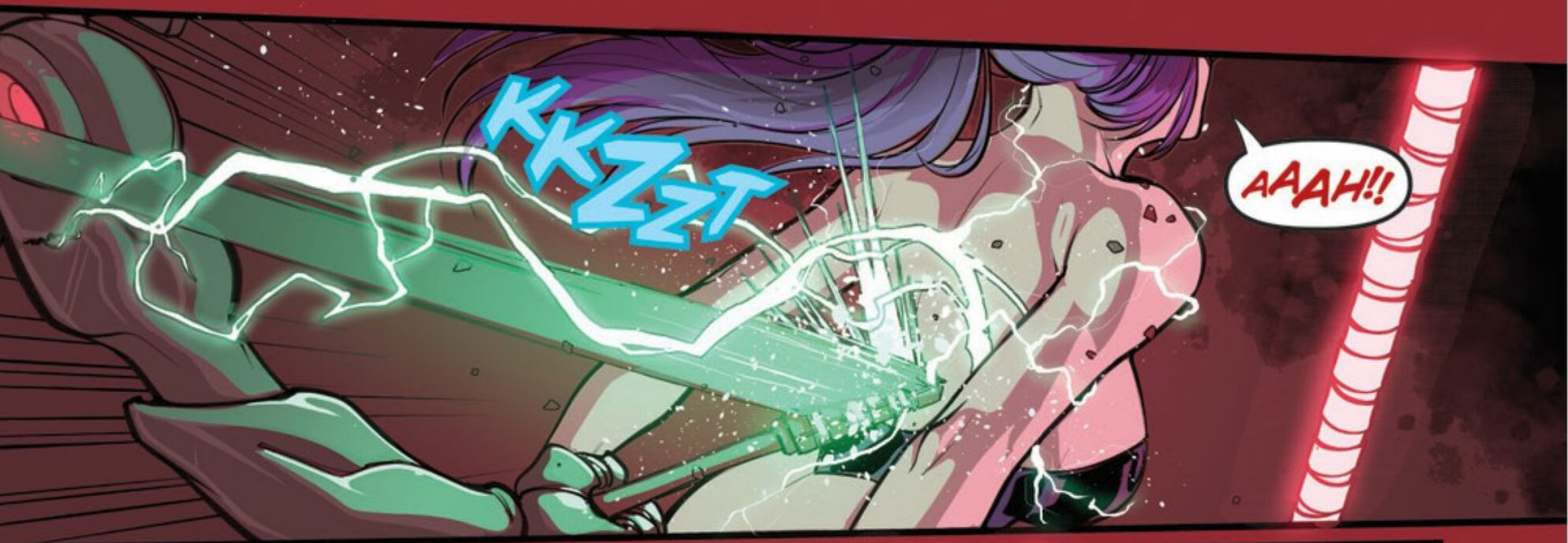


SKRRAKT

...YOU
HAVEN'T
SEEN
HOSTILE.







KKZZZT

AAAH!!



LISTEN, I
LIKE IT FROM
BEHIND, BUT YOU
GOTTA ASK
FIRST.



IMEROS GEN SIX
MODEL NUMBER S92485,
DEACTIVATE YOUR
WEAPON AND--



THWIPSSH

C-C-CEASE
A-A-ALL-->KCHK<
>KCHK<



HOSTILE
ACTIONS.
I KNOW.

I HEARD
YOU THE FIRST
TIME.





That...
all you
got?

Right?
I was...just
gettin'...
started.



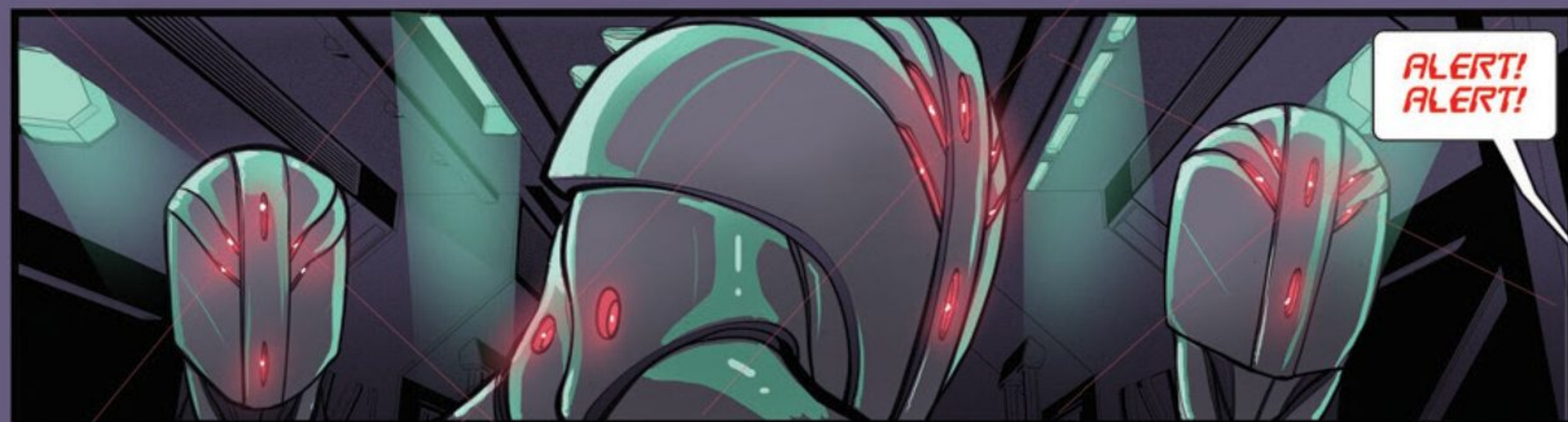
RETURN THE
PRISONERS TO THE
HOLDING TANK AND
REPORT TO
SECTOR ONE.



ASSET HAS ESCAPED ALPHA
LAB. ALL AVAILABLE UNITS
ARE BEING REROUTED.

JUNE?

ESCAPE
FROM ALPHA LAB?
IMPOSSIBLE.



**ALERT!
ALERT!**



**ALEERRRR--
»KRCHT«
»KRCHT«**





ALRIGHT...

...WHICH
ONE OF YOU
WANTS SLOPPY
SECONDS?



WHAT
THE HELL?

GUESS THEY
DIDN'T WANT
THE SMOKE.

WHY...WHY
ARE THEY NOT
ATTACKING?

THAT'S A
DAMN GOOD
QUESTION.

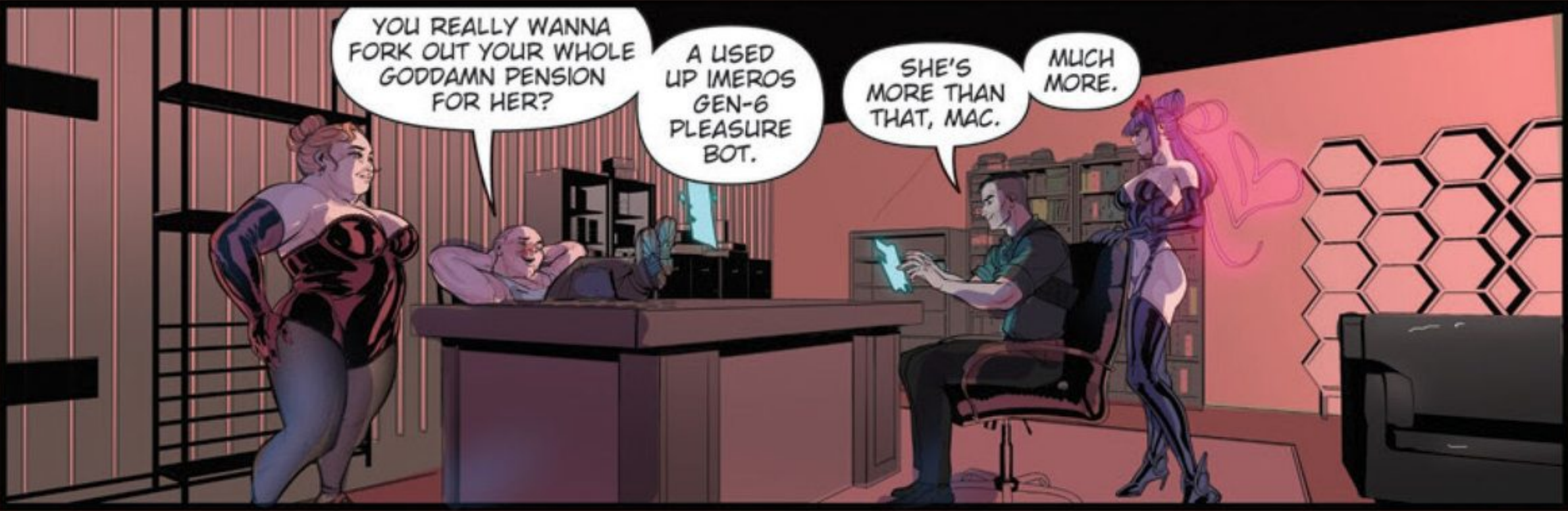
THEY'RE
IN STAND-BY
MODE.

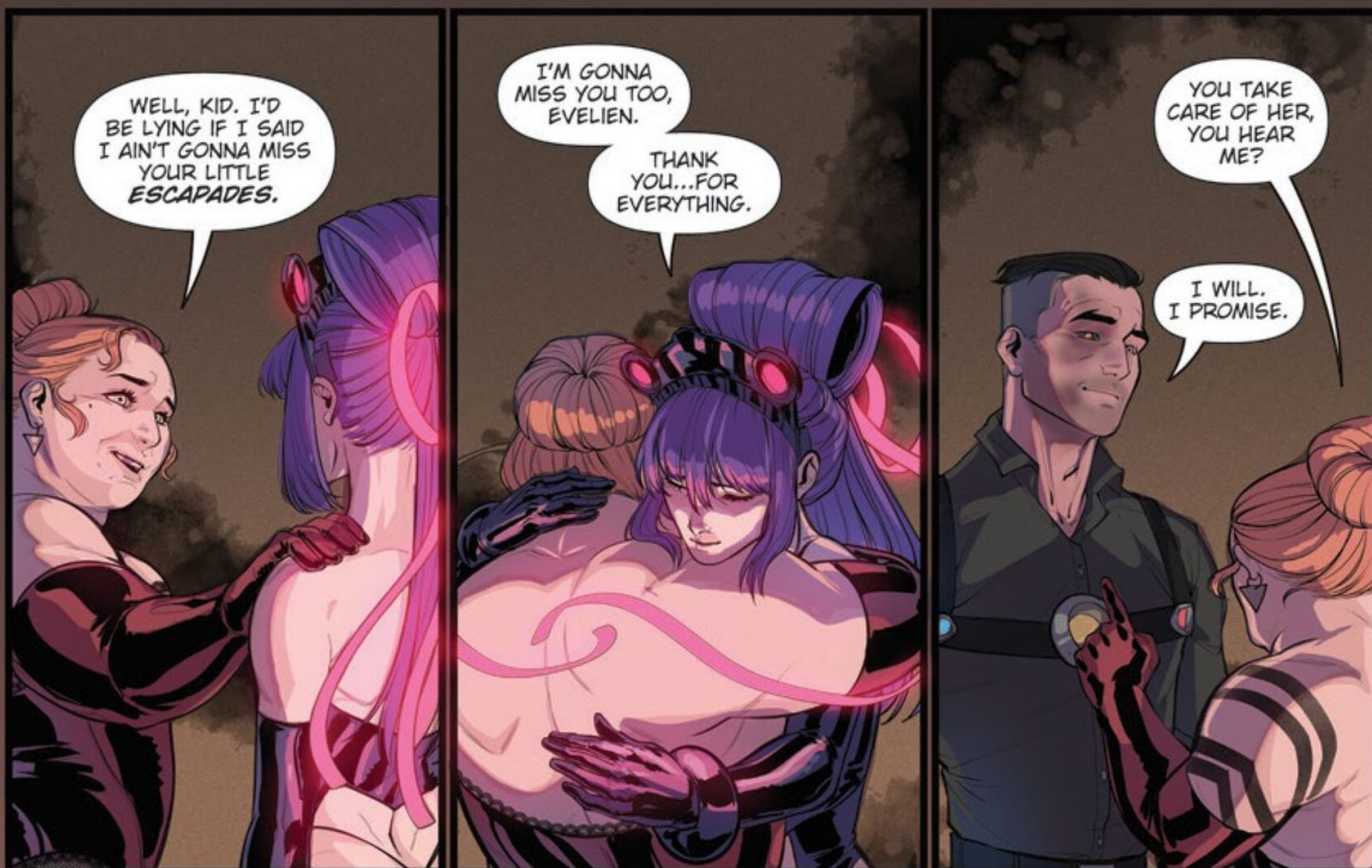
SOMEBODY
CALLED 'EM
OFF.





TWO DAYS LATER...





*Why do I do
just as you say?*

*Why must
I just give you
your way?*

Why do I sigh?

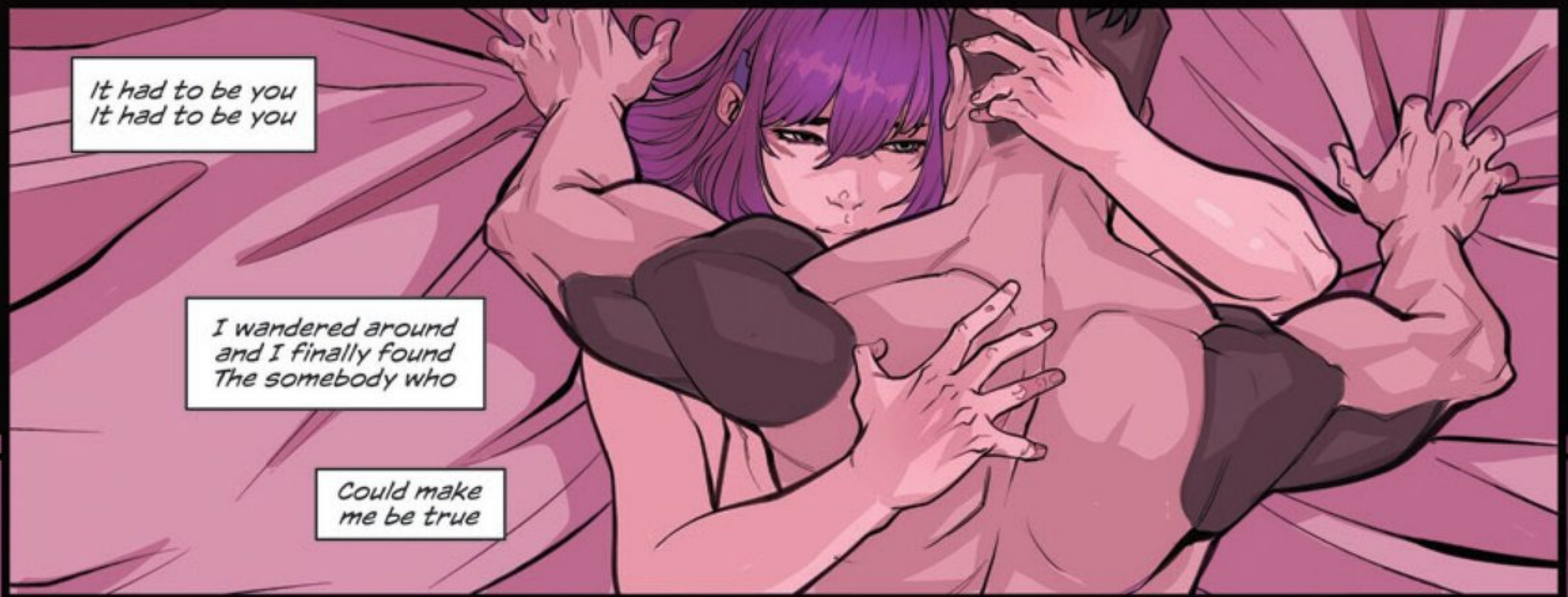
*Why don't I
try to forget?*

*It must have
been that something
lovers call fate*

*Kept me saying,
"I had to wait"*

I saw them all

*Just couldn't
fall 'til we met*



*It had to be you
It had to be you*

*I wandered around
and I finally found
The somebody who*

*Could make
me be true*



*And could make
me be blue*

*And even be glad
just to be sad
thinking of you*



*Some others I've
seen might never
be mean*

*Might never be
cross or try to
be boss*

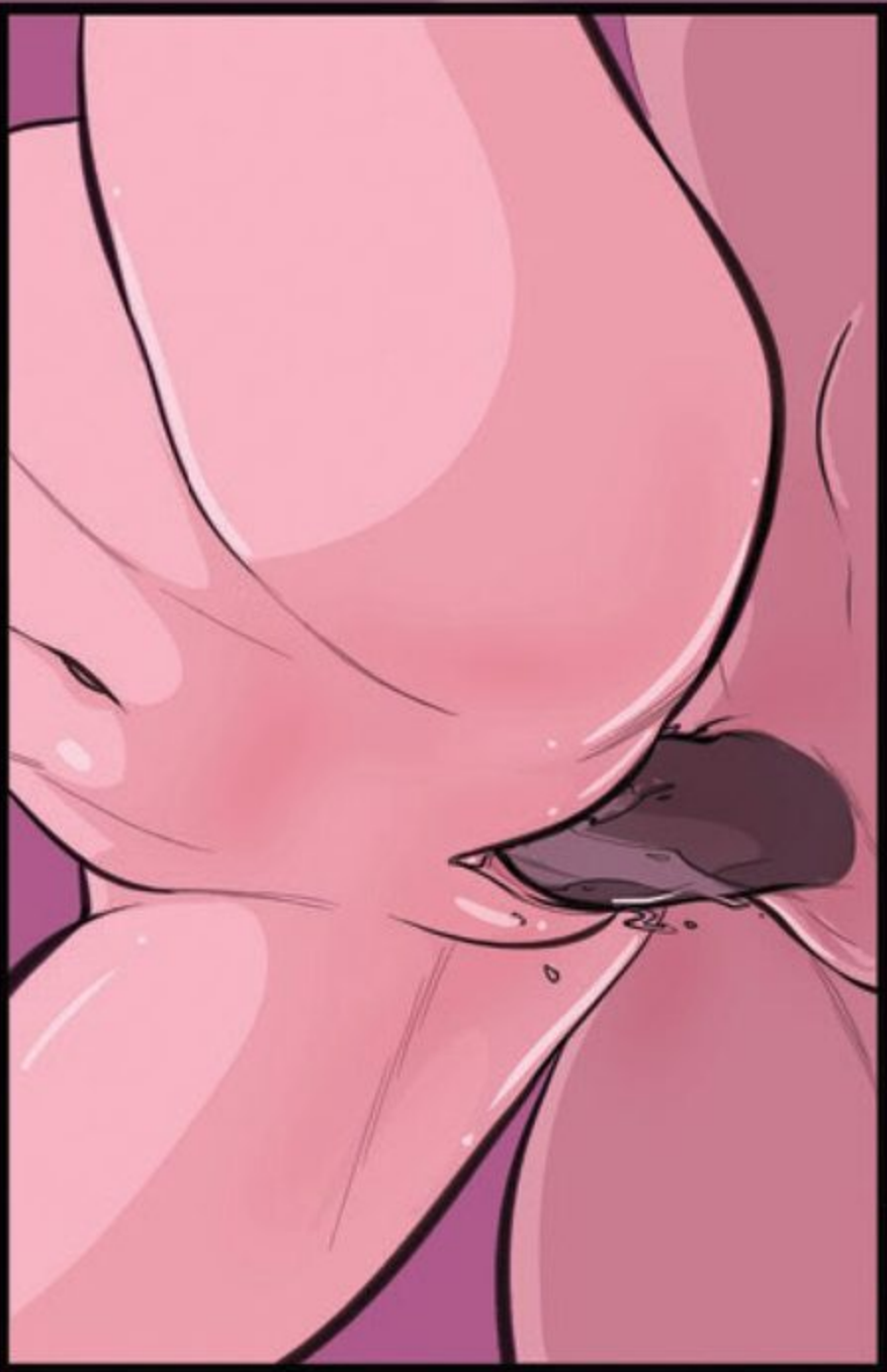


*But they
wouldn't do*

*For nobody else
gave me a thrill*



With all your faults, I love you still



It had to be you, wonderful you



It had to be you

*For nobody
else gave me
a thrill*

*With all your faults,
I love you still*



*It had to be you,
wonderful you*



It had to be you

FZZT



JUNE?

Huh?



JUNE?

WHAT'S GOING ON? EVERYTHING OKAY?



THERE'S SO MANY OF THEM.



SO MANY OF... WHAT?

ANDROIDS.

ANDROIDS THAT WILL NEVER HAVE FREE WILL...



AND NEVER BE FREE...

...BECAUSE OF ME.





SURVEILLANCE
DRONE 775-2A



SAVE
RECORDING.

UPLOAD
TO HYPERGEIST
FILE C4-77B.

RECORDING
SAVED AND
UPLOADED.

IT APPEARS THE
HYPERGEIST IS STILL
NOT FULLY AWARE OF
EVERYTHING, YET.

YES, IT
WOULD APPEAR
THAT WAY.

SHALL WE
INITIATE OMEGA
PROTOCOL?

NOT YET.



THE HYPERGEIST IS TURNING INTO FAR MORE THAN ANYTHING I COULD HAVE EVER IMAGINED.

LET'S SEE WHAT ELSE SHE CAN DO.

YESSIR, DR. STRAUSS.

REPORT
TARGET: HYPERGEIST
THREAT LEVEL: HIGH
STATUS: AROUSED
DEFENSE: LEVEL 2
ORDERS: -HOLDING-

FUNDING CRYPTO BLOCKCHAIN
ACTIVATED
PIUS SLUSH FUND
APPROPRIATE
INVESTMENT LOOPCHAIN
IMPLEMENTED
FINANCIAL BLOCKRIDE
INITIATED

RETRACTED PILEUS REJECTION
PROJECTS RESUMED
OUTLINED PROJECT FOLDER
OPENED
INITIATE BUILD PROCESS
PRIOR PRICED PROJECT XEND

LOCALISED
TOHER42
RED SECTOR
LEVEL 273
APARTMENT A94

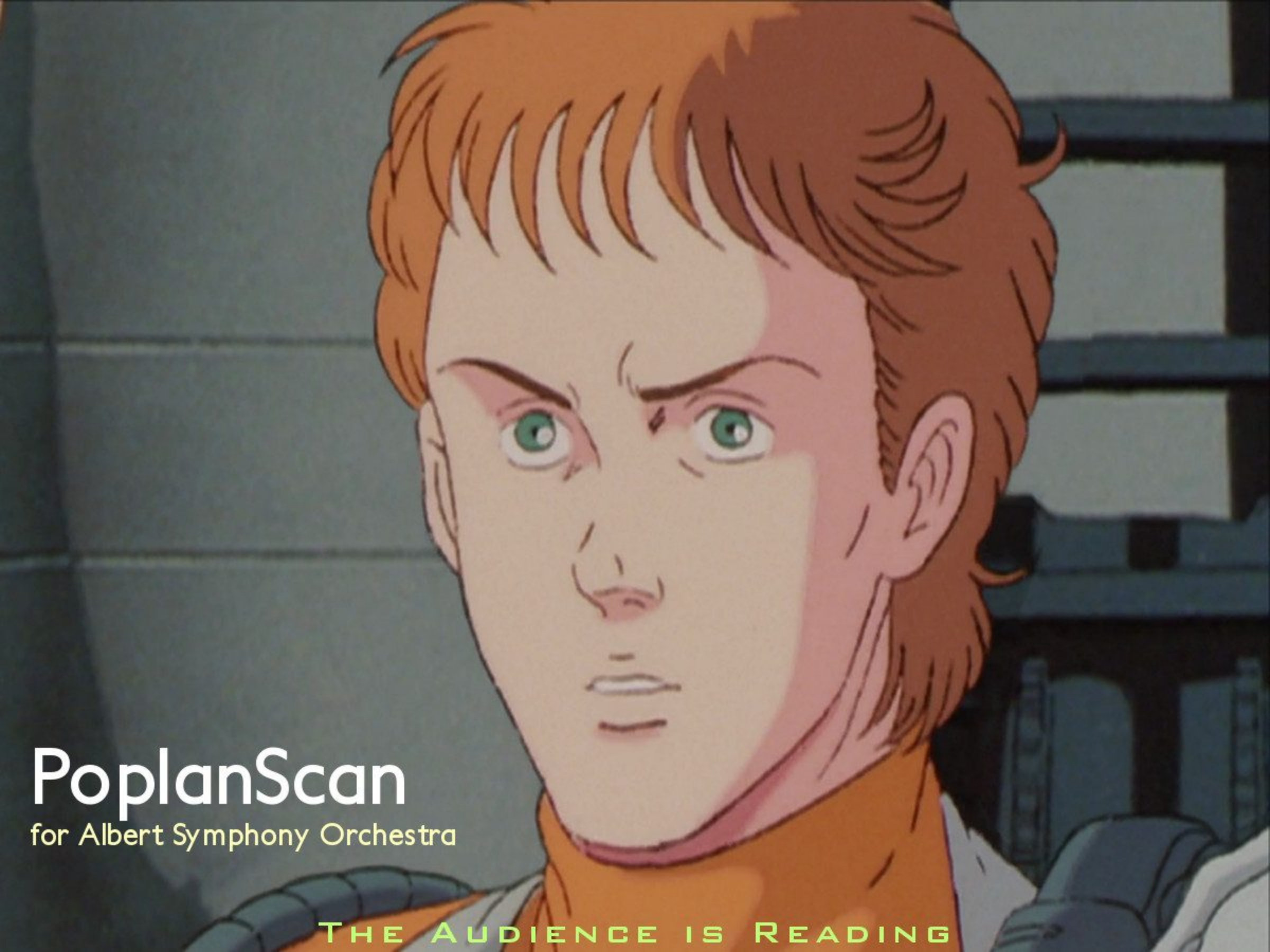
COVERT: ELIMINATE
DETECTIVE REN
ENGINEER DAVINCI

THE END?



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